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FOR: NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID PROBES, METHOD FOR DETERMINING
CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACID BY USING THE PROBES, AND
METHOD FOR ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 22 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 30 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.